

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated June 30, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Response, Applicant has amended Figures 8, 9 and 15 to more accurately depict the overlap of the data and common lines. No new matter has been added. Claims 2-19, and 21-40 are pending in the application, with claims 11, 19 and 35-40 being withdrawn from consideration. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection and rejections in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to because item 60 overlaps item 54, but the overlap is not clearly shown. Applicant files herewith replacement sheets for figures 8, 9 and 15 and annotated drawing sheets showing the changes made to figures 8, 9 and 15. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, Applicant requests the objection be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 17, 18, 21-22 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Related Art (ARA) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,362,858, issued to Jeon et al. (hereafter "Jeon"), U.S. Patent No. 6,300,995, issued to Wakagi et al. (hereafter "Wakagi") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,356,330, issued to Ando et al. (hereafter "Ando"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because neither Jeon, Wakagi nor Ando, analyzed alone or in any combination, teaches or suggests the combined features recited in the claims of the present application. For example, Jeon, Wakagi and Ando, fail to teach or suggest an in-plane switching liquid crystal display device including, among other features "the auxiliary common line being connected with the common electrodes, wherein the common electrodes are formed on a same layer of the first substrate as the gate line" as recited in independent claim 4 of the present application.

ARA, Jeon, Wakagi and Ando also fail to teach or suggest an in-plane switching liquid crystal display (LCD) device in which "the common electrodes are formed on a same layer of the first substrate as the gate line, and wherein the common electrodes are arranged to directly contact the common line" as recited in independent claim 17.

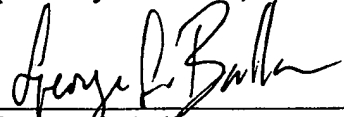
Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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